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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 18 November 1968

DD/I advised that plans are in process to have operational by Wednesday a medium-level communications station in New York to service the Nixon staff.

Godfrey noted that Lubomir Strougal, a former Novotny supporter, was installed in four top Party posts and would appear to be the pro-Soviet spokesman in the top Czechoslovak leadership.

Godfrey indicated that Dubcek went to Warsaw in order to advise Brezhnev in advance of personnel decisions.

Godfrey provided a memorandum on the durability of the Cuban regime.

Allen for Carver noted two additional reports on the preparations of the South Vietnamese for participation in the Paris talks.

Allen drew attention to indications that the Communists are moving into higher gear in connection with the winter-spring offensive but that nothing like the conditions which existed before the flare-ups earlier this year is present.

Maury reported that Friday Carver briefed Senator Hollings on South Vietnam and that the Senator hopes to visit Headquarters after his forthcoming brief trip to Europe.

Maury noted that a Republican Senate Armed Services Committee staffer has advised that Senator Tower intends to travel to South Vietnam and would like a briefing.

Parrott noted that no agenda has yet been prepared on next week's PFIAB meeting.

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DD/S&T opined that the chances of a Soviet manned circumlunar flight in December are high.

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The Director asked the DD/S&T to [redacted] telephone Admiral Raborn, who is in town, regarding his concern about Soviet action against our submarines.

The Director drew attention to the story in this morning's Washington Post on Bill Colby.

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L. K. White

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